tive framework of radical/progressives against conservatism. Thus anyone on the positive side of these issues, even if they are openly from the capitalist class or are elected agents of the capitalist class, are considered liberals/radicals/progressives.

The class content of progressive militancy has been totally diluted — class interest is non-existent, and class struggle and class interests are no longer the underpinning elements of class alternatives. It's all about making capitalism a better system to live under. The clearest examples of this reproduction are NGOs and other organizations not identifying a clear class enemy.

The existing problems between liberalism and conservatism simply emanated from secondary contradictions within the capitalist class. Liberalism and conservatism are two sides of the same rotten repugnant capitalist system. At the period of the highest stage of capitalism, capitalism has reached the limits of its entire earlier progressive content. Progressives who act in the interests of the masses will be produced by capitalism. To think that bourgeois democracy/dictatorship at this stage has anything positive to offer the popular masses is a petit bourgeois illusion stemming from the desire to create zones of comfort or a small paradise within this hellhole of capitalism.

Even though capitalism has nothing more progressive to offer, we still need to use its internal contradictions in our best interests — not in the sense of supporting the liberal tendency or the lesser evil, not to consolidate one tendency — but to weaken them all at the same time. We must construct a popular alternative through the dialectical relation of organizations with the popular masses, to put capitalism once and for all into the non-recyclable garbage can of history.

What is a progressive militant?

It is clear that capital and capitalism have entered a chronic conjuncture of deterioration. The possibly of any long term recovery is slim to none. This crisis is global. Two definite camps are shaping up systematically: one that is not in the interest of the popular masses (even if they are using populist phraseology to mask their true objectives), and one that genuinely sees the popular masses' interests.

A progressive militant is a socially productive agent that is offering a political alternative to capitalism/imperialism in the interest of the popular masses. A progressive militant is contributes to the limit of her/his capacity and political potential, for history to advance in the interests of the popular masses.

The progressive militant is faced with two choices, two alternatives:

a) A revolutionary alternative not only allows history to advance in the interest of the popular masses, but in addition, side by side with the fundamental masses, radically transforms society to abolish and dissolve all forms of extraction of surplus value. Surplus value is the result of all historical forms of exploitation, the

result of class struggle that is manifested in the process of material production and the constant reproduction of conditions of production, on all fields: political, ideological and economic. The revolutionary alternative is the highest form of political practice. The revolutionary militant is more than a progressive. The revolutionary militant is someone who puts politics in command of his/her life.

b) A progressive alternative affects historical developments in the interest of the popular masses, especially working peoples, in any social formation. Whether we are conscious of it or not, independent of our thought process, totally outside of our will, history will advance either in the interest of the dominant and exploitative classes, or in the interest of the masses. History will either advance in the direction that allows the dominant classes to address all problems arising from their social problematic to maintain and reproduce their democracy/dictatorship, or it could advance in a way that weakens or destroys the capacity of the dominant classes to reproduce their democracy/dictatorship. The role of the progressive militant is to actively participate in the struggle to weaken the reproduction of capital and the capitalist class. If in that process, progressives develop their capacity to become revolutionary militants, they should enter the process of transition by disrobing themselves, in an uninterrupted process, of all bourgeois ideology, and at the same time actively participate in the construction of a popular ideology, the backbone of the new society.

The precise form of a progressive alternative will come from the collective work of the progressive militants. It is from that precision that a clear systematic political line, in a constant mode of rectification and consolidation, will emerge and be implemented.

For that alternative to become concrete, two dialectically linked aspects must be addressed:

1) Organization: Progressive militants must be organized in a progressive organization with its own structure, its own discipline, and most importantly, its own collective political line, defined and elaborated internally in a collective democratic structure/practice. Organized progressive militants must develop a line to organize other isolated progressives. For progressives to offer their alternative in a constructive manner, the question of collectivity in the organization is indispensable. It is through organized work, the collective struggle for the correct ideas, as theories emerge, that progressives militants will develop their individual capacity for the development and systematization of the collective and organized work. Personal endeavors to develop political capacity at the theoretical, political and ideological levels should remain limited. If the task of developing capacity remains isolated, individual progressives militants will be discouraged easily, their contributions to the struggle will be limited, and their praxis will also be limited, and their contributions will not be effective. Only through collective organized work, based on a dialectical relation between theory and praxis, can the individual progressive militant really and effectively contribute to the struggle.